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University receives grant for more than \$8,500 through Governor's Office of Highway Safety

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For the 10th year in a row, the Dean of Students Office at Georgia Southern University has received a grant through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to participate in the Georgia Young Adult Program. The program helps educate students about the dangers of alcohol abuse, underage drinking and impaired driving.

The grant, awarded in the amount of \$8,597, allows the University's Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs Programs to promote the "Safe Rides Save Lives" campaign, which discourages driving while under the influence of alcohol. The office coordinates impaired driving prevention programs, which include Fatal Vision Goggles and DUI simulators.

"The Governor's Office of Highway Safety grant is a vital resource for the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs at the institution," said Mark Whitesel, Ph.D., associate dean of students at Georgia Southern. "The funding is critical to the educational activities and efforts to engage students regarding healthy behaviors with alcohol. We are looking forward to some great opportunities for students this year with the continued and increased funding from prior years. The grant funding will continue to support programming and our drunk driving prevention efforts."

The Georgia Young Adult Program is designed to promote education and awareness about highway safety issues including underage drinking, impaired driving, destructive decisions and other high-risk behaviors in order to decrease young adult crashes, injuries and fatalities.

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety coordinates with colleges and universities throughout Georgia to implement the program, which has been successful in using strategies such as peer education, providing educational speakers to schools and encouraging schools to develop creative, innovative techniques to lower the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities among young adults.

WebMAcc ranked among best for an Online Masters in Accounting

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The Georgia Southern University College of Business WebMAcc has been ranked among the 20 best online schools for accounting masters degrees for 2016-2017 by BestChoiceSchools.com.

According to the American Institute of CPAs, a master's degree in accounting (MAcc) provides benefits critical for career advancement. An accounting master's degree ensures the student meets the educational requirements to obtain CPA licensure. Many schools have begun to offer the MAcc program in a flexible, online format that allows the working professional to earn a master's degree with little interruption to their professional and personal life.

"This is another well-deserved objective recognition for our WebMAcc program," stated Tim Pearson, Ph.D., director of the College of Business's School of Accountancy. "Many Accounting programs are increasing the online delivery of their programs for their students, and we are taking this effort very seriously and deliberately for the benefit of our students. I am grateful that the WebMAcc faculty in the School of Accountancy are once again being recognized for their efforts through this ranking."

The 30-credit hour, 10-course Georgia Southern WebMAcc offers low tuition and a high graduation rate. The online MAcc may be completed in two years, and the pace of the program is designed to cater to the working professional. Students take five courses each year (two in spring, two in fall and one in summer), and courses include accounting information systems, auditing, current legal issues, financial accounting, fraudulent financial reporting and tax research.

Best Choice Schools' mission is to provide high-quality, well-researched rankings and other resources for individuals looking for information about top quality higher education. Approximately 100 accredited colleges and universities offering online masters in accounting degree programs were examined, looking at the percentage of applicants admitted, graduation rates, student-to-faculty ratios and graduate tuition/fees. All data for the rankings was taken from the most recent published information at the National Center for Education Statistics College Navigator.